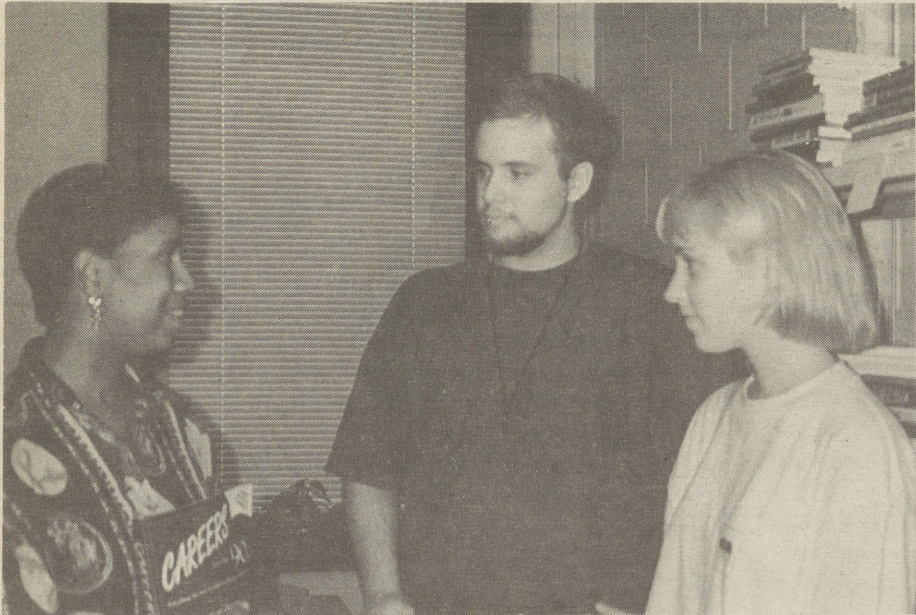


Career Development: You Need It, We Offer It!



Greg Jurkowski, 2nd semester DUS (middle) and Amy Winmore, 1st semester Communication major (right), chat with Career Counselor Sharmon Bryant in the Career Library about opportunities available through Penn State Programs.

Photo by Barbara Daniel

By Christina Papa

"Career development is the process of evaluating your career plans and goals and what you need to do to achieve them," according to Mrs. Sharmon Bryant, career counselor here

at Penn State Delco.

She said that the job market nowadays is extremely competitive, and more and more people are finding out that a degree alone is not enough to get a good job.

Tutors Available For Free

By Christina Papa

When you hear the words "Learning Center", what do you think of? Perhaps you think the Learning Center is a place for students who are having problems with their studies. This is true, but, more often than not, the students there are average to above average, seeking methods of improving themselves.

"Think of the Learning Center as maintenance as opposed to a repair shop," said Kathy DeMarco, English instructor and one of the assistant coordinators of the Learning Center.

If you put time in at the Learning Center while you are doing well, then you won't find yourself struggling later on, and you will undoubtedly improve the quality of your work.

The Learning Center is located in room 109 of the Vairo Library, and is open from 8:30 to 3:30 or later, Monday through Friday. Mrs. Norman Notzold is the head coordinator of the Learning Center, and is assisted by Mrs. Jacqueline Hudson, Dr. Myra Goldschmidt, Sharon Manco, and Mrs. Kathy DeMarco.

In the summer, the Learning Center accommodates between 200 and 250 incoming freshmen, eager to review their high school math and English skills. Rebecca Webb, a first semester art major, has been regularly attending the Learning Center since the summer and has enjoyed it as she

has improved in math and English.

"The tutors were really friendly and helpful," she said. "They didn't make you feel dumb."

Approximately 100 students a semester visit the Learning Center. Other than math and English, which are the primary subjects available for tutoring, students may get help in subjects such as history and psychology, for which there are study groups. The Learning Center also provides a single credit English 5 course, which students may take as a supplement to their regular English course.

Karen Tracy is a seventh semester business management major who has been tutoring in the Learning Center for two years and enjoys it very much.

"I get to meet and work with students of all different nationalities and I learn a lot from them. We learn from each other," she said. "It broadens my education. They teach me a lot."

Many of the students who tutor like it so much that they end up changing their major to education.

The Learning Center also holds workshops throughout the year. The dates and times for these beneficial sessions can be found in the Penn State Student Handbook calendar. Some of the upcoming events are: Coping With Texts and Other Reading Assignments, September 19; Improving Memory Efficiency, September 24; Listening and Notetaking, October 3; and Test Taking, October 10.

Career development is essential to better prepare students for job opportunities and to help them develop the skills they need for their field of study. Penn State's Career Department provides workshops, fairs, seminars, and internships for many different fields, designed to equip students with the experience necessary in order to advance in their area of interest.

Many students choose their field of study for the wrong reasons. Maybe because their parents chose that, or because of the money. Mrs. Bryant likes to see students with a "passion" for what they want to do - students who really enjoy their area of study.

"Career development gives them opportunities to evaluate themselves and put their goals into practice," she said.

She also related that many students wait too long to attain experience in the area they are pursuing. Seniors and even graduates come back for help because they cannot get a job. If students start with career development as freshmen, then they will gain the experience necessary in order to get the job they want.

The Career Center is located on the second floor of the Commons building, and students may stop by at any time to make an appointment with Mrs. Bryant.

Spend New Year's Eve In Barcelona: Earn 6 Credits

By Erin Lulevitch

Tired of the mundane routine you have already fallen into? Want to add a little excitement into your life? Well, now is the time to and the monotony and get a taste of what it would be like to study abroad. Join in on the fun as Penn State Delaware County gears for its most exciting trip yet...Barcelona, Spain!

All students are invited to spend an unforgettable week in Barcelona December 29 to January 5. It's a great new way to ring in the New Year while earning six valuable general education credits.

For only \$695, you can visit the sites of the former 1992 World Olympics, while exploring the fascinating culture and art that Spain has to offer. You don't even have to know Spanish; there will be plenty of people available to help you along.

All participants will take part in one or two meetings prior to the trip to get to know the other travelers. Last year's trip to Madrid attracted over seventy students who spent one "get-

to-know-you" session cooking up their favorite Spanish dishes. Other group meetings will be held in Spain, as well as one at the conclusion of the trip to wrap up work on a final project.

The courses offered in this trip include the arts and humanities with an emphasis on culture. But this trip is not all work and no play! There will be plenty of time for independent excursions with friends. In fact, such activities are encouraged.

Deposits are due by October 15. Part-time students interested in going need to inquire about special conditions. All questions can be answered by contacting Dr. Alita Kelley (892-1477) or Mrs. Constance Kirker (892-1468).

And anyone interested in staying closer to home and visiting the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, a trip is being offered for Saturday, November 2, for \$20. This trip is also open to all students, but space is limited. More details can be obtained by contacting Mrs. Diane Wolf at 892-1415.



SGA officers Ottrina Bond (left) and Jay Mills (right) serve up hamburgers at the "Welcome Back" picnic to hungry students. Photo by Greg Jurkowski

No Hassle! Fly With TWA Youth Travel Pak

By Daniel J. Abbondi

Are you a student with the desire to travel but could do without the hassle of booking reservations at the last minute, or paying outrageous prices? TWA has found a novel solution.

Common to most high school, college, and university students is the want and necessity of travel. However, with myriad problems associated with long-distance travel via airplane, many miss the opportunity to visit family and friends or get away from it all

over spring break.

Hence the need for a convenient, affordable, and more comfortable way to get from point A to point B. TWA has taken it upon themselves to make it a reality.

Through TWA's Youth Travel Pak program, students between 14 and 24 years of age with valid school I.D. are eligible to take advantage of this unique offer.

The Youth Travel Pak eliminates the need to wait until fares go "on sale". Booking reservations may be done at the students' convenience,

rather than months before the flight. Furthermore, when using the Travel Pak, students can be assured that they are paying the absolute lowest prices.

The Youth Travel Pak contains four coupons, each redeemable for one-way travel between any two cities serviced by TWA or Trans World Express. Students earn one mile in the TWA Frequent Flight Bonus Program for every mile flown.

If you earn 20,000 miles you get a free round trip flight anywhere TWA flies in the continental U.S. Earn 35,000 miles and receive a free round trip

flight anywhere TWA flies in the continental U.S. and Europe. Making the offer even more appealing to students, TWA includes a European Bonus Certificate redeemable for 20% off any adult fare.

For a fee of \$548 per pak, students now have the opportunity to travel for a fraction of the normal airfare rates. For \$137 per flight, students may travel Comfort Class to numerous locations world wide. Speaking in relative terms, it truly is the best buy in the sky.